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WHY She is not willing, that at this time that there ſhould be any Impeachments, for the Kingdom is ſo guilty, you may know where to begin, but you won't know where to end: I would have you conſider that the Queen had Power to make Peace or War, and how dare any one call her Authority into Queſtion; for if Princes can't have the Power to have their Subjects to do what they know they may do, who can be ſafe? They'll make crown'd Heads worſer than Gally-Slaves: If the Commons had not been very diſcreet, we might have been hurried into Confuſion; for deſtroying Angels are ready to execute Juſtice upon this Sinful Nation that is continually provoking God to Anger; the Devil, the Pope and Antichriſt is ſo buſy, and makes ſo many on their ſide, thinking to overthrow the Kingdom, that the Governours ought to implore God for Wiſdom, that

they may prevent it: I have ever been a VVoman of great Sincerity, and lov'd the Peace of the Kingdom always, and I was never Popiſh nor Whiggiſh, but was always for Kingly Authority, and the Eſtabliſhed Worſhip, and I do wonder how any one can think that I am turn'd *Whig*; for God Almighty eſtabliſhed me in his *Worſhip* when I was very Young, and not any body taught me to Read, but God Almighty taught my Heart, and my Heart taught me my Book; and I can give a large Account of my Faith, as any one in the three Kingdoms; was it not a great Thing of me to go to King *Charles* the Second to tell him of his Faults, and the ſame Power can make me to rectifie a Kingdom, and I have ſtood in Oppoſition, when the Devil would have deſtroyed the Kingdom; for the laſt VVar was the Devils VVar and he thought then to have deſtroyed Us, but God Almighty permitted it to humble Us; but the Devil and his Angels hate diſappointments, which made him to roar againſt Doctor *Sacheverel*, and now his Spite and Malice is ſo great, that he would deſtroy them that made the Peace, thinking by that, that we might be Inſtruments to deſtroy our ſelves by the Confuſion that we may make; and I humbly intreat your Lordſhips, for to beg of God for to give you Wiſdom, that you may outwit the Devil, for Chriſt died to make you more than Conquerors over the Devil and all his VVorks: I was very unwilling that King *James* ſhould give his Supremacy to the *Pope*, and I told him that I had a great Faith, and that I wanted Exerciſe, and I deſired him that I might go to the *Pope*, if his Majeſty would be pleas'd to give me leave, and I told his Majeſty,

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That if he would not be angry, I could go without his Leave; but he was in a Paſſion, and charg'd me *that I ſhould not go, for if I did, he would ſend an Expreſs and fetch me back again*; and I did hear ſome Gentlemen that ſtood by ſay, *Who would think the King ſhould mind this Woman, let her go, and the Devil go with her, for ſhe will never return back again*; but after the King was gone, they ſaid, *You muſt not expect to find ſo much Favour in the Pope's Court as you do in this*; and I ſaid, *Surely I ſhall find a great deal more, for you tell me that he is Chriſt's Vice-gerent, for he will be like a Fountain where all the Springs of Vertue flow from in Humility and Condecenſion, but you make your Pope as if he was a Devil, that if I went near him, that he would devour me*; but my Lord *Grandiſon* being there, I told him I would fain ſend the Pope a Letter, but I could not tell who to ſend it by, and he told me that his Couſin was a going an Ambaſſador to the *Pope*, (which was my Lord *Caſtlemain*) and if I did go to him in his Name, and if he promiſed upon his Honour that he would deliver it, that I might believe him, and I did ſo do, and when I brought it he ſaid that the Pope did not underſtand *Engliſh*, and with much ado I got it tranſlated into *Latin*, and I ſhew'd it to Dean *Stillingfleet*, and he told me that he never read any thing better tranſlated; but for that in *Engliſh* I ſhew'd it the King, and he did go in, and heard it read, and the King ſeemed very well pleas'd with it, and he was ſent for three times for to go to Dinner, and after Dinner when he went out a Walking, he ſaid, *My Lords, I will tell you News, Mrs.* James *is a going to Convert the Pope*, which made them all laugh;

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but the *Roman-Catholicks* which heard it, was highly displeased. In *Monmouth's* Rebellion, I would a gone, to have made Peace, but the King would not let me.

For I have been always for the Peace of the Kingdom, and it grieves me to think that the *Jacobites* and *Non-Jurors* are turn'd *Dissenters*, but I don't know of any reason they have to say that I am a *Dissenter*, except it be because I am against the *Pretender*, though I have been always for Crown'd Heads, but not for *Popery*. And the Lord grant that we may all live in Unity, and Fear God and Honour the King,

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So I Rest your Souls Well wisher,

Elinor James.